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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Mark R. Boeder

Art Unit: 1661

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NAMED 'STEPS'

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 30, 2003 be extended one month from December 30, 2003 to January 30, 2004 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee is believed to be \$110.00 for a one-month extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), and the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fee from Deposit Account No. 50-1263, referencing Docket No. 10451.0040.NPUS01. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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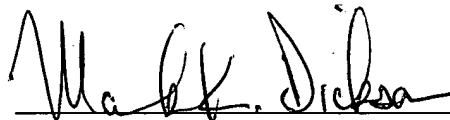
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If additional extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided for here are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to this application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1263, referencing Docket No. 10451.0040.NPUS01.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone to further the discussion at (650) 463-8100. In order to further promote the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is also authorized to contact the undersigned by electronic mail. Please address all e-mail to DicksonM@howrey.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark K. Dickson", written over a horizontal line.

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